

Lively Events Spark West



Personnel Supervisor Charlotte Smith receives a corsage on her birthday from Ann Hall, 4385, El Paso, Tex.

Englewood, Colo., Kresge 413—Barbara Shaw, daughter of jewelry department head, Lou Shaw, received her stewardess wings recently from Eastern Airlines. . . . The annual Christmas party was held at a local country club. Employees enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and good music to dance by. Lucky ticket holders received door prizes. — Marcella Gaffron

Rapid City, S. D., Kresge 671—Birthday girls were Employees Margaret Thompson, Lois Ray, Edith King, Goldie Lutz, Maxine Berry and Lillian Kavanagh. . . . Home-made cookies were enjoyed by staffers throughout the Christmas holidays. — Margaret Gibson

Tustin, Calif., Kresge 709—The annual Christmas dinner was held at a local inn with almost a hundred percent attendance. — Sylvia Gray

Las Vegas, Nev., Kresge 764—More employees than customers were after Frank Sinatra Jr.'s autograph when he made a surprise visit to do some shopping. — Marie Thomas

Billings, Mont., Kresge 771—After a busy Christmas season, staffers at 771 enjoyed a gift exchange party followed by the annual buffet luncheon. — Vernia Ronger

Santa Ana, Calif., K mart 4028—Christmas festivities at 4028 included a holiday breakfast and gift exchange at a local restaurant and a formal dance for employees and their guests. — May Schneider

Breakfast and Presents Highlight Holidays at 4068

Fresno, Calif., K mart 4068—A holiday breakfast was held during the "season to be jolly" and everyone received a gift. Employees Shirley Hagason, Kathleen Harley, Jerry Pendergraft, and Lee Litzler participated in a Cherry Candy Contest with Mr. Pendergraft being the winner. . . . K mart Charities are now busy working for the March of Dimes. . . . The sporting goods department is really snowed under with all the ski enthusiasts eager to get started. Ski outfits and equipment are really going strong. — Kathleen Harley



Employee Rita Sloan, 4078, Boise, Ida., wins a huge bottle of perfume in a recent Faberge perfume contest.

Spokane, Wash., K mart 4147—This year, under the direction of Manager Robert Smith and Personnel Supervisor Emma Tarbet, the store decided to adopt three needy families instead of holding the usual gift exchange. Each family was given gifts, groceries and a Christmas dinner. Staffers felt they had succeeded in putting the true meaning of Christmas into existence. — Pam Malone

Rapid City, S. D., K mart 4170—Employee Lou Wilson has taken her share of lost children to the service desk. When she found a small boy crying in her department recently, she offered to help. His reply was, "I can't find the toys." — Laurel Lacy

Boulder, Colo., K mart 4181—Employees enjoyed a buffet dinner served in the lounge on Christmas Eve. Lucky numbers were drawn for presents. — Orvella Hile

4205 Honors Two Staffers At Recent Celebration

El Paso, Tex., K mart 4205—Two employees were honored recently. Personnel Supervisor Charlotte Smith was presented with a corsage and presents on her birthday and Co-Manager Gene Mee was awarded a Top Notcher award for his prize-winning suggestion. . . . Instead of exchanging gifts between staffers as had been done in the past, this year it was decided to send presents to the orphans at a local children's home. Employees drew names of the children and bought presents for them. In addition, Christmas stockings, stuffed with candy and fruit were donated by the store. The director of the home reported that a significant amount had been cut from their yearly operating budget and they would have had a very skimpy Christmas for the children without the help from K mart employees. — Hazel Reiplers

Denver, Colo., K mart 4234—Employees, 110 in number, attended the annual Christmas party held at a local Air Force base club. A scrumptious smorgasbord dinner made the evening a hit with all staffers. — Vicki Anderson

Seattle, Wash., K mart 4225—A Christmas buffet was held all day to celebrate the holiday. This year the gift exchange was conducted in a slightly different manner with staffers requesting exactly what they wanted. — Pinky Osborn

4240's First Female Staffer Is Top Auxiliary Member

Northridge, Calif., K mart 4240—Employee Lee Velardo, the first female employee hired at 4240 in 1968, joined the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in 1954 and since that time has held all offices and has been past commander of the Auxiliary twice. Through her efforts, monthly parties are arranged with mental patients, shut-ins and cerebral palsy patients. . . . District Manager James Gehas was a surprise guest at the Christmas breakfast. — Helen Zuroff

Buena Park, Calif., K mart 4250—Dorothy Bye, daughter of Lou Bye, record clerk, was crowned queen of Laurel School in Anaheim, Calif., at Homecoming time. . . . Congratulations also to Clark Hamblin, son of Niam Hamblin, office, who was made chairman of Youngsters for the March of Dimes. — Betty Robeson

Salt Lake City, Utah, K mart 4273—The store's first anniversary was celebrated by a lovely buffet furnished for all staffers by the management. — Delpha Carlson

Rialto, Calif., K mart 4284—Instead of exchanging gifts among themselves, the employees decided that everyone would bring a gift for an underprivileged child. Over a period of a month, the staffers collected 26 cases of used clothing and toys, canned goods, two turkeys and money for the children's center Christmas party. Also donated was a tree and decorations. Thirty children from the home were invited to attend the employees' party where Santa entertained the kids and gave them each a present. One employee stated after the party, "I'm so grateful that I could be on the giving end because it wasn't always that way." — Bob Hagen

Ventura, Calif., K mart 4288—An inter-store football game held with 4330, Oxnard, Calif., resulted in a victory for the Ventura K mart. Employee Bob Garvion was the hero of the game. . . . The girls had been selling a buffet luncheon almost every other week since August to collect enough money to really splurge on the Christmas party. Their efforts were well worth the end result for both the team and the food was excellent. — Charles Morrey

Simi, Calif., K mart 4291—Robert Bombardier, outdoor patio manager and already father of eight, recently acquired another four mouths to feed when a stray cat picked his department for his maternity ward. Manager Herman Behrens moved the little family into a warm box on the shelf under the outdoor patio cash register. . . . The first employees' birthday party was held since the store's opening in October, 1969, and all staffers who had a birthday since July received a nice gift. Manager Behrens, who also had a birthday, was given a "bikini cake" an ornamental whip and a huge card signed by all employees. — Hermine Kailey

4341 Is Besieged By Midnight Madness

Fairfield, Calif., K mart 4341—The fun-loving, cooperative spirit of 4341 was displayed during a Midnight Madness Sale when all participating departments turned out in their crazy sleepwear. . . . When fire broke out in the main stockroom, the fire emergency team evacuated the store in less than three minutes. The fire team contained the fire until the fire department arrived and less than two hours later, the store was reopened for business. — Rita Bucy



At the Christmas breakfast held at 4340, Northridge, Calif., District Manager James Gehas, r, visits with Manager Rudolf Venturoli, l, Leo "Santas" Westmore, Personnel Manager Juan Cusani during this occasion.

Vallejo, Calif., Kresge 712—Recent birthday girl was Hilda Hain. . . . 712 staffers had a nice Christmas Eve with the exchange of gifts in the lounge and a delicious dinner at noon. — Betty King

722 Employee Tours D.O.; Visits with Top Executives

Phoenix, Ariz., Kresge 722—Resident Assistant Ruby Deem visited the Detroit Office with her husband who is a field representative for the Golden Construction Company in the Tucson, Ariz., K mart. She visited Executive Vice President Fred K. Niseman whom she used to work for and other executives. Mrs. Deem also included the KRESGE NEWS Office in her tour of the building.

Spring Valley, Calif., Kresge 724—The welcome mat is out for Assistant Billy Cockrell from 721, Anderson, S. C., and Employee Grace Beck, toys, who formerly worked at 4032, Greensburg, Pa. — Libby Hinkle

Tucson, Ariz., Kresge 789—John Ross, son of Helen Ross in toys, was recently named the outstanding land management student of the year for the state of Arizona. He is presently a senior at the University of Arizona. . . . Welcome to Stockman Dick Pelletier and Trainee Gary Baker. . . . Employees are re-learning the tax chart due to a change in the Tucson tax structure. — Helen Ross

Boise, Ida., K mart 4078—Employee Rita Sloan was the recent winner of a Faberge perfume contest. For selling the most Faberge, she was awarded a huge bottle of the perfume. — Margarette Munay

Denver, Colo., K mart 4121—Employee Gene Eckhardt, automotive, has written a poem in honor of the holiday season. . . . The store held a lovely luncheon where gifts were exchanged. — Shirley Pound



At recent Costume Contest-Funking Lot Sale held at 4250, Buena Park, Calif., Employees Virginia Lutz, Jim Timmel and Tina Remus display their highly imaginative outfits.



Staffers at 4284, Rialto, Calif., know the true meaning of Christmas for they invited 30 underprivileged children to their employees' party and collected used clothing and canned goods for the children's center.



At the Rialto K mart Christmas party, Santa entertains just one of the 30 underprivileged children who attended from the community center.